

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2013, AT THE TOWN HALL, AT 7: P.M.

Present: Ed Butt, Acting Chairman; Joei Grudzinski, Bryan Chnowski, Tony Tomaino, Rob Blick (came in at 8:10 p.m.). Dennis DiPinto, Director; Elaine Rajcula, Secretary.

Absent: Sara Kincade.

Minutes of Previous Meeting January 30, 2013 – A motion was made by J. Grudzinski to accept minutes as presented. Seconded by T. Tomaino. Passed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting February 27, 2013 – A motion was made by J. Grudzinski to accept minutes as presented. Seconded by T. Tomaino. Passed.

Recreation Supervisor's Report – Mary Knox - Two hundred & fifty people attended our Annual Afternoon of Ice Skating at Danbury Ice Arena. Flashlight Egg Hunt and Egg Hunt on March 22 and 23 were well attended with over 300 children. Youth Basketball Leagues for Grades 1-12 all finished up in early March with over 339 children. The winter season of December 2012 through March 2013 we served over 2,000 people in 108 different programs. B. Chnowski stated Kids' Softball is starting April 13th.

Park Supervisor's Report – Chris Rabuse - **Present:** – Trash removal, snow removal and ice control continued. Working on installation of high school bleacher anti-skid plates. Half completed. Continued spring equipment maintenance and preparation. Snow plowing and removal on both synthetic fields at request of athletic director and approved by D. DiPinto. Completed spring grooming/sweeping and small seam repairs on synthetic fields at H.S. Stained and installed HS softball helmet and bat holders made a year ago by wood shop staff at H.S. Starting to prepare HS baseball /softball fields. HS tennis net installation and seam repairs. Hauled woodchips to some trail areas. **Future Work:** Water turn on at Cadigan Park and Town Hall. Baseball/soft ball field set up; grooming at HS and all Town fields. Inspection of playgrounds. Spring cleanup of schools/town buildings. Irrigation system startup and repairs. Install Town Hall, Huckleberry School and HS irrigation pumps. Complete anti-skid strips on HS bleachers. Move soccer goals on Town fields to desired locations. Set up and paint all soccer fields. Make and install sand bags for each goal. Paint all baseball/softball foul lines and out of play lines. Paint discus/discus/Javelin/throwing vectors at HS. Paint foul lines and out of play lines on baseball and softball fields. Usually requires weekly painting.

Monthly Financial Report – D. DiPinto - Report was reviewed by Commission. D. DiPinto stated this is right where it needs to be, with 65% Recreation and 80% – 85% Parks.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Current Project

Bike Path – D. DiPinto – Wetlands Mitigation Plan should be completed by mid-June.

Policies & Goals - J. Grudzinski, B. Chnowski and R. Blick submitted a revision of the P & R Policies & Goals. The Commission will review same for discussion at the next meeting. J. Grudzinski asked the Commission to e-mail her with any comments they may have.

Open Space - T. Tomaino will be on this Committee with E. Butt.

Old Business

Splash Pad- D. DiPinto - The Splash Pad is back on track. It can be tied into the 3" pipe from the old well; but the question is where will the waste go. Discussion was held. Recycling is very expensive. T. Tomaino stated recycling can double the price. D. DiPinto said it could be one large galley or dry well. It would produce up to 50 gallons per minute. It would be on a timer. He will have a detailed plan for the next meeting.

Brookfield Revitalization – D. DiPinto – Referendum projects will go before the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance in May.

Policy Committees – D. DiPinto stated all policy committees should coordinate to go over the P & R Policies.

Commission Vacancy – There is still a vacancy open for the P & R Commission.

Adjournment – A motion was made by J. Grudzinski, seconded by T. Tomaino to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Passed.

***The next meeting of the P & R Commission will be on Wednesday,**

April 24, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.